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INTELLIGENCE ABOUT THE RUSSIAN ARMY OBTAINED BY THE POLISH
MILITARY ATTACHE APPARENTLY FROM GERMAN SOURCES (1941)

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To DIRECTOR.

According to information from the Polish Military Attaché [1] (a letter) -
the SAUSAGE-DEALERS [KOLBASNIK] [11] here [4 groups unrecovered] [OK as follows:]

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[The next 617 groups contain a report giving the location
and strength of Red Army formations. This intelligence
appears to come from German sources.]

3. Especially [Re the Germans] [2 groups unrecovered] during the past month

[31 groups unrecovered]

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Comments: [1] The Polish Military Attaché at this time was Major Feliks
BRZESKINOWSKI, who had been in post since 1939. By the end of
February 1942 he had been given the cover-name STAS (STOCKHOLM)
No. 394 of 27th February 1942 - 3/XEP/T1636).

[11] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: Germans. According to GUMENKO the codeword
for GERMANY in Military Attaché traffic was
"KOLBASIT", i.e. Sausage-land. KOLBASNIK is
also an old Russian slang word for a German.

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